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REMARKS

The present preliminary amendment is filed concurrently with a RCE. The present preliminary amendment addresses the issues raised in the Final Office Action of June 4, 2003. The proper fee for a two-month extension of time and the RCE filing fee are submitted herewith on the PTO Form 2038 filed on even date herewith.

At the outset, the Examiner wishes to thank Exr. Sanders and her Supervisor for their courtesy and helpfulness during the telephone interview of October 8, 2003. As Exr. Sanders recalls, agreement was reached during the interview, in that it was agreed that the amendments to the claims presented herewith would overcome the outstanding rejections of the independent claims.

Indeed, as neither the image sensor nor the printer disclosed in the applied Jung reference press the document against the feed roller, as positively claimed herein, the anticipatory rejections applied to the independent claims are deemed to have been overcome.

It is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event, however, that the Examiner has any concerns regarding this preliminary amendment or the application in general, she has but to call the undersigned, and whatever is needed will be done at once.

Respectfully submitted,

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